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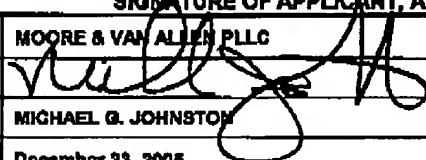
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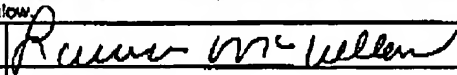
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For Barb Configurations for Barbed Sutures		
Group Art Unit 3724	Examiner NGUYEN, TUAN VAN	

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